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The English Gents, Hamish McCann
and Denis Lock, under the Big Wave
in Halifax on Tuesday.

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SEX

Doing it bumper to bumper



**Haley
Ryan**
Metro | Halifax

Things are heating up in the back seat for many Nova Scotians.

According to a survey of 1,500 Canadians conducted by website Autotrader.ca earlier this year, 35 per cent say they've had sex in a car at some point in their lives.

Of those surveyed, 42 per cent of Nova Scotia residents said they've done it, placing us in the top three provinces.

"Everybody's always got sex on their minds, and we've also always got cars on our mind," Jonathan Yarkony of AutoTrader said Tuesday. "We kind of saw an intersection of those two and were curious. We were like, 'Hey, who's doing it?'"

New Brunswick is at the top with 56 per cent, and Quebec is at 46 per cent. P.E.I. rounds out the top four with 40 per cent.

Manitoba clocked in with the least amount at 26 per cent of people admitting to doing the deed in the car.



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Pam Cooley of CarShareHFX poses with some of the company's new vehicles on Tuesday. CarShare HFX's fleet now consists of 35 vehicles. JEFF HARPER/METRO

'We were bursting at the seams'

TRANSPORTATION

Car-sharing service adds 10 hybrid vehicles to its fleet



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

Need a ride?

The city's only car-sharing service is trying to make it easier to get one, announcing that it's adding 10 new cars to its fleet.

"We were bursting at the seams," said CarShareHFX

owner Pam Cooley at a launch event Tuesday morning.

"We were waiting for these cars for a couple months. Now we can breathe and build from there."

The new Toyota Prius C hybrid cars bring Cooley's fleet up to 35 cars from 25, and will be placed at strategic locations around the city.

But she's not stopping there: Cooley's immediate goal is to have 100 cars. Her business partners say that can be done in five or six years.

She says four.

Cooley started CarShareHFX in 2008. Members pay an annual fee, plus an hourly rate and a distance fee, and can access cars

all over the city at any time.

When she first started, Cooley approached the Waterfront Development Corporation.

CEO Colin MacLean said he didn't think he could be of much help, but Cooley made MacLean and his team feel "indispensable."

"She, to the tips of her toes, lives and breathes the ethos that it can't be done without

others," he said.

Now, Waterfront Development is adding a second CarShareHFX parking spot in its lot, and will continue to allow free parking for its cars.

Cooley is adding new partners as well, like Casino Taxi, which will have a car at its location on NovaLea Drive in the North End, and allow free parking for customers.

Angie Herman with Casino Taxi said it may seem like a strange partnership, considering many would think of the two companies as competitors, but they see themselves working together.

"You would use it for different times," she said.

"If a family wanted to go to the beach and go for a full day, they would need a CarShare. If a family is going to take in the Mooseheads game downtown, they would probably be taking a Casino Taxi."

Herman said she and Cooley are working toward the same goal: efficient transportation for Halifax. Cooley said each CarShareHFX car takes 10 to

29:1

The ratio of CarShareHFX users to cars is currently 29:1. However, in the past, the ratio has been as high as 40:1.

12 others off the road, and the 10 new cars are 30 per cent more efficient than those in the existing fleet.

With development booming in the city, she hopes to pick up more partners.

"This is a win-win," she said. "Let's partner, let's collaborate, let's do this."

You know the saying, 'It takes a village'? Well, it takes a city to raise a car-share company, and that's exactly what these partners are doing.

CarShareHFX owner Pam Cooley



THEFT

Car reported stolen from man's garage

Halifax police are looking for the whereabouts of a stolen car and those responsible for its theft.

Police say that last Wednesday, officers responded to a residence in the 3100 block of Novealea Drive after a car was reported stolen.

The car's owner said he last saw the vehicle parked inside his garage July 19 and noticed it was gone July 22, according

to police.

Police describe the car as a grey 1991 Volvo 740 with the Nova Scotia licence plate number EJZ 057.

There is also a badge under the trunk's Volvo logo that reads "T4."

Police say an 18-speed "Specialized SX7" aluminum bicycle was also inside the car at the time of the theft. METRO



Police seek information about this vehicle which was reported stolen on July 22.

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CRIME

Man stabs another, drives him to hospital

Halifax police say a 20-year-old man faces charges after he stabbed someone, then took it upon himself to drive the victim to the hospital.

The stabbing happened in the 900 block of McLean Street in Halifax around 10:15 p.m. Monday. In fact, when officers arrived on the scene, they learned the male victim had already been

taken to the hospital by the apparent suspect.

When officers went to the Queen Elizabeth II hospital next, they arrested the 20-year-old suspected stabber, and later charged him with aggravated assault and assault with a weapon.

The victim, 23, was treated for non-life threatening injuries and released. METRO

IN BRIEF

Hot water poured on man

Police are looking for someone who poured hot water on a man sleeping inside a downtown Halifax residence, causing burns to the man's face and neck.

Halifax Regional Police say the assault happened at about 10:40 p.m. Monday in the 2100 block of Barrington Street. Police say a 25-year-old man fled the area following the incident.

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Councillor says he'll pull request for small options homes report

PLANNING

Provincial jurisdiction of zoning bylaws murky



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

Every resident in Halifax who needs special care has the right to a home.

But determining whether the province has final say in how many care homes can go where on municipal streets is a question still clouded in uncertainty.

Discussions began after Coun. Darren Fisher of Harbourview-Burnside-Dartmouth East planned to request a report on the city's ability to regulate or limit the number of group homes permitted in one area during Thursday's Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council meeting.

The Department of Community Services has since confirmed what was in question were small options homes, which differ from group homes in size.

Small options homes have live-in staff who provide care to three to four occupants, who can be youth, but are mostly adults with disabilities.

Fisher told Metro Halifax last week that constituents in one neighbourhood raised concerns around the fact that four of these homes were located within a one- or two-block radius.

"Fear always comes from the unknown," Department of Community Services Minister Joanne



Community Services Minister Joanne Bernard has addressed concerns Dartmouth residents have about small options homes in their neighbourhood. METRO

Bernard said of the issue Tuesday.

Bernard explained these homes are run by either non-profit or for-profit organizations, not by the province.

Each service provider must follow a "rigorous process" to obtain a licence, meet departmental standards and undergo inspections, she added.

"We are a caring society. We have an obligation to provide the best possible services and quite frankly, people deserve where they want to live. They have the

same rights," she said Tuesday.

She instructed any residents with concerns to contact the department directly.

Although operations of these

106

The Department of Community Services says there are 106 small options group homes in the Halifax area.

homes fall under the department's eye, regulating the number of homes on a street "would have nothing to do with the province. It would be all about zoning."

Currently, there are different zoning bylaws in place for small options homes in the Halifax area and Dartmouth, Bernard said.

In Halifax, she said small options homes are zoned to be 1,000 square feet apart, while no such rule exists in Dartmouth.

"Zoning is always municipal. Always. Regardless of whether or not it's a small option (home), a convenience store, an apartment building, a shopping centre, a skyscraper."

However, Fisher since said he plans to withdraw Thursday's request on different advice from the minister that the province has "final say" when it comes to these zoning rules.

"There is nothing in this old city of Dartmouth, in residential areas, that the municipality can do regarding small options group homes," he said Tuesday.

It was later clarified to Metro Halifax that though the city writes municipal planning strategies that set out zoning rules for communities, all bylaws require provincial approval and can be subject to more circumstantial technicalities.

FUNDING

Wildlife park and centre get new cash

The federal government is providing \$400,000 for upgrades to an interpretive centre and trail system at a popular park in Nova Scotia.

The province is also spending \$200,000 over three years on the work at the Ducks Unlimited interpretive centre and the Shubenacadie Provincial Wildlife Park.

The funding will be used to improve exhibits, the gift shop and air conditioning, and create a food services area.

The province says new signs will be installed and trails will be enhanced.

\$600,000

The total amount of government money going to Shubenacadie Provincial Wildlife Park.

The interpretive centre and trail network opened in 2006 and span four hectares of land.

The centre offers educational programs and interactive displays on wetlands and wildlife.

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ACTIVISM

Ban on Confederate flag urged in province

A group of concerned community members will gather together in a Halifax church Wednesday to protest any use of the Confederate flag across the province.

Nova Scotian Citizens Against White Supremacy is hosting a press conference at noon inside the Cornwallis Street Baptist Church to call for the flag's banning, according to a news release issued this week.

"The open and public display of this flag is a flagrant racist provocation," the release said. "It is a symbol of white supremacy."

The organization questions why hanging the flag isn't a hate crime in Canada, and points to

recent consequences of racist attitudes in the United States, specifically the gunning down of nine black individuals June 17 during a prayer service inside the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C.

"Symbols of hate have no place in our province or country," the release said. "The flag should be banned in Nova Scotia and Canada."

Nova Scotian Citizens Against White Supremacy say there is a petition to sign on social media.

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The Confederate flag has drawn the ire of Nova Scotian Citizens Against White Supremacy. CONTRIBUTED

Street spectacle 'a hallmark'

FESTIVAL

29th busker event takes over the waterfront



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

Despite a couple of snags, the annual spectacle of magic, acrobatics and fun that is the Buskers is set to kick off Wednesday.

Over the past couple of months, the annual Halifax International Busker Festival has contended with a new beer patio taking over a musical performance space and seating falling through, but the event director said they can always work with what they have to put on a great show.

"We just morphed. Every year is a different year for us," Christina Edwards said Tuesday.

Running from Wednesday to next Monday, 15 performers including magicians, acrobats, fire performers, classical guitarists, chalk artists, hula hoopers and dancers will take to five venues along the Halifax waterfront as well as roam the area.

In its 29th year, the festival is down one of their traditional waterfront performance circles thanks to the installation of the Stillwell beer garden, so they cancelled two musical acts booked for that space in favour of others that could move around, Edwards said.

"But we're used to it. It happens when you have 30 years of outdoor events," she said.

Many of the performers are new to the city, such as The Budapest Marionettes from Hungary, and JOHNman's Blanko from Germany, who is covered in canvas from head to toe and allows people to paint all over him, Edwards said.

Also new are the Third Wind

circus artists from Montreal, whom Edwards said bring high-level tricks to the street, like throwing the smallest of the trio 20 feet in the air before catching him on a 10 centimetre-wide bar.

The Nathan Green and Bishop's Landing stages already have natural grass and wood staging, Edwards said, while the usual bleachers for the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic and Sackville Landing areas fell through, so people are encouraged to bring chairs and blankets for those shows.

Last year brought 250,000 people into the city during the "massive" festival, which is something the city should be very proud of, Edwards said.

"It's certainly a hallmark," she said. "We've got three generations that are coming now. It's become like an old home week; people plan their family vacations around it."

All performances run from noon to 9 p.m., and a free shuttle from Pier 21 will run regularly down the waterfront to the casino every day.

+ BACKGROUND

The British are coming!

For two English Gents, the "anything could happen" aspect of street theatre is what makes busking so unique. After last appearing at the Halifax International Busker Festival in 2009, Hamish McCann and Denis Lock are returning as the English Gents, bowler-hatted fellows who entertain with acrobatics mixed with British wit. McCann said although they now mostly tour with an indoor show, they've had everything from coins and phone numbers to pot dropped in their hats — and one time a man stepped into the ring during their strip-tease act to pull down his own pants.



JOHNman's BLANKO lets people paint all over his canvas-covered body. CONTRIBUTED



“That’s live street theatre. Anything could happen.”

Hamish McCann

Hamish McCann and Denis Lock, who make up The English Gents, pose for a photo in Halifax on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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Clear-bag waste law here to stay



Garbage gets collected in Dartmouth on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

SERVICES

Concerned residents raise stink over new curbside rules

Halifax residents aren't the only ones bracing themselves for the city's upcoming switch to clear bags.

Companies contracted out to perform solid waste collection will be at the helm of the switchover starting this Saturday, with their staff front and centre to hear questions and complaints.

"It's an education process," said Alan Abraham, general manager with Royal Environmental Group (REgroup), which performs garbage collection for Halifax, Dartmouth and Cole Harbour.

"It takes a little more diligence on our part," he said Tuesday.

Abraham said the company's crew, made up of mostly new staff, will receive one final training session later this week, reinforcing what's to be expected after Saturday and how best to communicate new

changes with citizens.

"Nobody wants a warning or rejection sticker on their waste," he said.

"At first, if somebody has four black bags out we may take three of them and leave a rejection sticker on the last one," adding they are seeking clarification from the city on how best to roll out enforcement.

Besides its cost-savings to the municipality, the switch to clear bags is also safer for workers, Abraham said.

For example, workers have in the past picked up garbage bags that contain items such as gas cans and sharp objects.

Despite the preparedness of workers, Brenda DeWolfe, co-owner of company Leo. J. Beazley, has already started receiving a flood of complaints from residents living in their service area of Eastern Passage

+ BACKGROUND

Companies contracted for waste management

Royal Environmental Group is one of the several companies awarded \$63 million worth of garbage collection contracts for the next four years, along with GFL Environmental, Miller Waste and Leo J. Beazley, which began July 1.

— even though there are still two weeks before the first garbage day with the new changes are in effect.

"Our nightmare starts August 10," she said Tuesday.

She too expects workers will offer residents some leeway in the beginning and said currently, when blue recycling bags do not meet compliance standards, they are often found still tagged on the curb the following collection day.

"It'll take some time but I guess (residents) are going to have to get used to it."

"It's here and it's here to stay."

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

“It takes a little more diligence on our part.”

Alan Abraham

JOBS

Premier promotes province's youth apprenticeship program

Nova Scotia's premier is touting youth trades training programs as an important part of providing eventual job opportunities in the province's struggling economy.

Stephen McNeil spoke at a Halifax car dealership Tuesday to promote the Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Agency and programs that have provided more than 500 students with trades experience.

He stressed the programs will only be a success if private companies join in to provide training opportunities.

"Without the ability for that apprentice to go out in industry it (the effort) really falls flat," said McNeil. "It means fewer people complete their full apprenticeship and there are fewer tradespeople."

The province says the first year of the agency has seen 180 new employers sign on with programs that have registered more than 1,300 new apprentices and 100 youth apprentices.

The agency says it has spent about \$900,000 in youth apprenticeship programs over the past year.

Troy Bennett, fixed operations manager at Atlantic Acura, said he believes the



Premier Stephen McNeil spoke on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

apprenticeship programs are an investment in the future for businesses.

Bennett said it's critical to have the pool of talent available as companies such as his continue to grow.

"Our future is at risk if we are not investing," Bennett said.

McNeil has placed a high priority on apprenticeship training as the province tries to retain skilled trades workers and to attract those who

have left the province in search of work.

Nova Scotia was among provinces pushing for changes that would make it easier for apprentices to move between jurisdictions while doing their training.

An agreement making that possible was signed earlier this month at the meeting of premiers and territorial leaders in St. John's, N.L. The agreement is to take effect in January.

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Halifax Pop Explosion lineup version 23 the most diverse yet

FESTIVAL

Acts for October event range from hip hop to metal



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

The Halifax Pop Explosion is back this October with what the festival's executive director said is its most diverse lineup yet.

"I think it's really great to have a hip-hop artist and a metal artist in the top line," James Boyle said Tuesday before announcing the festival's 2015 lineup at the Company House.

"In past years, I don't think we've seen things like Purity Ring, Dillinger Escape Plan, Stars and Travi\$ Scott as the main headliners."

The list goes on with Cloud Nothings, July Talk, Cancer Bats, Braids and The Weather Station filling out the top of the list, along with dozens of other acts, spread across the five-day festival.

The announcement Tuesday comes on top of acts that were already disclosed earlier this year — Alvays, Purity Ring and Rich Aucoin with Symphony Nova Scotia.



Musicians Torquil Campbell, left, and Amy Millan, from the band Stars, perform at Coachella. They'll be on stage at the Halifax Pop Explosion this fall. GETTY IMAGES



I think we've always had diverse programming, but this year in particular, we've been able to bring in a headliner for everyone.

Pop Explosion executive director James Boyle

"I think the history of the festival is rooted in supporting new music and bringing in the music that you got to see here first before it was headlining arenas or stadiums or the top festivals



Dillinger Escape Plan



Travi\$ Scott

in the world," Boyle said.

He points to such artists as Arcade Fire, Feist and K'naan, who all played the Pop Explosion before their careers blew up and expects Houston rapper Travi\$ Scott to be the same story.

The festival is also routed in showcasing local acts, since its beginnings 22 years ago during Halifax's "Seattle of the North" movement.

Boyle said that will continue this year, with the festival putting almost 100 local acts — like Jenn Grant, Walrus, and Nap Eyes — on its many stages.

Plus, last year's Pop Explosion debuted Listen-Local.ca, a website devoted to showing off and talking

about local music and the local music industry — "a buy local campaign for music."

"All these people are people that are in our backyard and we're seeing them grow and their careers prosper, and we love to be part of that and support that," he said.

The official schedule for each day of the festival — Oct. 20 to 24 — won't be out until mid-September, and Boyle said they still have "a couple things up our sleeves" that may be announced before then.

Early-bird festival passes are on sale now for \$79 plus tax and fees.

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EMERGENCY WESTVILLE CREWS RESPOND TO GARAGE FIRE A garage behind a home on Diamond Street in Westville near New Glasgow caught fire around noon on Tuesday behind the Tim Hortons. The Westville Fire Department responded to the blaze and quickly worked to extinguish it. Chief Ken Dunn said there was one vehicle in the garage. **NEW GLASGOW NEWS**

Councillor could be banned from board

GOVERNMENT

Truro police rep facing fraud charges

The issue of whether Truro Coun. Greg MacArthur can continue to sit as a member of the local police board while facing criminal charges is expected to be raised during a town committee meeting on Thursday.

"We are meeting in committee (in camera) on Thursday," Mayor Bill Mills said. "I'm sure that will be a part of the discussion."

MacArthur, a councillor for almost 11 years, is a member of the Truro Police Board and also serves as president of the Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards.

He is scheduled to appear in provincial court in Truro, Pictou and Dartmouth on three separate dates in September to answer 34 counts of fraud, totaling \$5,700, and three counts of breach of trust by a public officer. The charges were laid June 23 following an investigation by the Canadian Forces National Investigation Service, a unit within the Canadian Forces Military Police Group.

The allegations, which have not been proven in court, relate to activities MacArthur (a retired sergeant with the Royal Canadian Navy) was involved with in Pictou while working with the reserves, a military spokeswoman has said.

The volunteer Truro Police Board consists of three civilian members, three council members appointed by council and one provincial representative (currently vacant).

The town has stated in a news release that the criminal charges against MacArthur do not affect his position on council.

TRURO DAILY NEWS

DIGBY TO SAINT JOHN

Refurbished ferry sets sail

A refurbished ferry began its daily journeys between Digby and Saint John, N.B., on Tuesday.

Don Cormier, of Bay Ferries, said the 15-year-old MV Fundy Rose began its twice daily summer crossing with about 200

passengers aboard.

He says the ship purchased by Transport Canada for about \$45 million is faster than its predecessor, MV Princess of Acadia.

Cormier estimates MV Fundy Rose makes the journey across the Bay of Fundy in about two

hours and 15 minutes in good conditions, about 45 minutes quicker than the old ferry.

The ship has been in Halifax since December undergoing an engine overhaul and renovations.

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Snowbird returns to Springhill

CANADIAN ICON

Anniversary for Anne Murray Centre includes meet-and-greet

The importance of the Anne Murray Centre is not lost on fans of the Canadian music icon.

Each year they travel from far and wide to visit the centre on its anniversary and meet their favourite performer.

"It's an amazing experience every year," said Stacey Gunn Ambrose, who travelled to Springhill from Pittsburgh for a 26th anniversary celebration last weekend. "You get to see a lot of people you see every year and you meet some new friends as well. And, of course, you get to meet Anne."

The centre's anniversary was celebrated on Saturday with VIP and patron luncheon at the Dr. Carson & Marion Murray Community Centre and a meet-and-greet with Anne back at the centre.

"I think it was the most suc-



Betty Halvorsen of Lewes, Delaware, meets Anne Murray on Saturday during a meet-and-greet at the Anne Murray Centre in Springhill. CONTRIBUTED

cessful to date," Murray said. "There was something about it this time that made it very special. There were a lot of new faces as well as a lot of familiar faces, people who show up every year and support the centre."

“She’s very appreciative of the support she has and people just love her.” Fan Stacey Gunn Ambrose

Gunn Ambrose came to Springhill for the first time during the centre's 15th anniversary and has been com-

ing back to the centre almost every year since the 18th anniversary.

"Springhill reminds me a lot of the town my mom grew up in in Pennsylvania. When the steel mill closed down, everyone thought the town would disappear," she said. "The centre is a big part of Springhill and we have to do everything we can to support it."

She remembers growing up with Murray's music in her home. Snowbird was one of the first songs she learned, adding as a child she would cry until the song, Murray's first hit, was played on the record player.

She said Murray's popularity is still strong today because of her personality, adding the singer has gotten to know those who come to the anniversary.

"She knows a group of us very well," she said. "She even commented when I changed the colour of my hair."

Although she hasn't performed in several years, Murray continues to be amazed at how fans continue to support the centre. CUMBERLAND NEWS

+ SUPPORT

'I'm very lucky to have such loyal fans': Murray

Anne Murray, a 70-year-old Springhill native, hasn't performed since 2008 and hasn't released an album of new material in nearly a decade.

Despite that, her popularity hasn't suffered and she has also attracted a younger generation of fans — something that's not lost on a pop icon who is considered a pioneer of the Canadian music industry.

"I'm very lucky to have such loyal fans and fans who are very loyal in their support of the centre and the community," Murray said.

"I'm the only connection they have to Springhill and it's really something for them to continue supporting the centre the way they do."

CUMBERLAND NEWS

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CANADIAN FORCES

Infantry commander faces sex charges

The commander of one of the country's most famous infantry battalions faces serious sex-related charges, less than a week after the country's new defence chief pledged to eradicate sexual misconduct in the military.

Lt.-Col. Mason Stalker of the 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, has been charged with 10 offences including sexual assault, sexual exploitation and breach of trust. The charges relate to a series

of incidents involving military cadets that are alleged to have occurred in Edmonton between 1998 and 2007.

"These are serious and significant charges under the Criminal Code of Canada," said Lt.-Col. Francis Bolduc, commanding officer of the Canadian Forces National Investigation Service.

"Regardless of a member's rank and role in the Canadian Armed Forces, the Canadian Forces National Investigation

Service works diligently and independently from the Canadian Armed Forces chain of command to protect individuals from those who violate the law."

Last week, Gen. Jonathan Vance, the chief of defence staff, laid out changes to how the military handles sexual-misconduct complaints. In a letter sent to all members of the Canadian Forces, Vance likened the approach to a formal military operation, calling it Operation Honour.

"I lament the fact that there exist within our ranks those that would bully, degrade or assault others, especially another member of the CAF or a member of the defence team," Vance wrote in his July 23 letter.

Vance's pronouncements came after former Supreme Court justice Marie Deschamps issued a report that found sexual misconduct "endemic" in the military and tolerated by the highest ranks. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Lt.-Col. Mason Stalker, left, with Gov.-Gen. David Johnston in Ottawa in 2012. MCPL DANY VEILLETTE, RIDEAU HALL, OSGG-BSGG

Cadets were mistreated, report finds

CFB VALCARTIER

Boys injured in 1974 blast not given fair care: Ombudsman

Gerry Fostaty was five steps away from the entry to the barracks at CFB Valcartier on July 30, 1974, when a grenade exploded inside, triggering widespread carnage that would leave a lasting impact on dozens of people.

The 18-year-old platoon sergeant was shielded from the blast by his commander who was standing in the door frame, but more than 130 boys sitting cross-legged on the floor were not as lucky.

"It was an absolutely horrific scene," Fostaty said in an interview from Toronto on Tuesday.

"The room was full of smoke, people lying on top of each other. There were boys covered in blood, screaming. The majority of people in the room were covered in blood and flesh; they were covered in their friends. It became (my) job to get those boys out of that room."

The tragedy, in which six cadets died and 65 other people were injured, resurfaced Tuesday when the Canadian Forces' ombudsman released a blistering report into the treatment of those who survived the blast.

Gary Walbourne said cadets

who suffered psychological and physical trauma from that day at the Quebec City-area base were not given the long-term care that regular Forces members received.

He concluded it was "unfair" that cadets — who did not hold status in the Forces — were unable to receive care similar to what was offered to full-fledged military members who were also injured in the tragedy.

He recommended the injured cadets be assessed medically and offered a reasonable care plan as well as "immediate and reasonable" financial compensation.

The report was sparked by complaints he received in 2013.

The six cadets who died were between 14 and 15. Of the other 65 people injured, 62 were cadets.

The youngsters were passing around what were supposed to be inert explosive

devices in the presence of members of the Forces. The live grenade was mistakenly mixed in with the devices and a cadet — after being told he could pull the pin — triggered the ammunition.

"Everyone was told not to speak of it again and they didn't," said Fostaty, who wrote the 2011 book *As You Were*, the Tragedy at Valcartier.

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Two jailed in massive fraud

ALBERTA

Men guilty of one of nation's biggest Ponzi schemes: Judge

A judge who sentenced two men in one of the largest Ponzi schemes in Canadian history on Tuesday said they were motivated by pure greed with little thought to their thousands of victims.

Gary Sorenson, 71, and Milowe Brost, 61, were given 12 years in prison for an elaborate, multimillion-dollar fraud in which investors were promised unrealistic returns. The two received eight months of credit for time spent in custody.

Brost was also found guilty of money laundering and received a separate, but concurrent, sentence.

"The crimes committed by

these two offenders are two of the biggest frauds in Canadian history," Queen's Bench Justice Robert Hall said in a Calgary courtroom.

"They were motivated in my mind by greed with no regard to the effect on the many, many investors they defrauded," he added.

"The loss of these large sums of money has had a devastating impact on the victims."

The court said more than 2,400 investors from around the world lost up to \$200 million. Police have estimated the figure could be as high as \$400 million. Many people lost their life savings.

Court received 600 victim impact statements before a sentencing hearing last month.

Hall said some of the victims were left homeless, contemplated suicide and "suffered shame, embarrassment and rejection by friends and family."

"Some now view the world

“They were motivated in my mind by greed.”
Justice Robert Hall

through a lens of suspicion and mistrust."

Aggravating factors included the length and complexity of the fraud, the impact on the victims, the amount of money involved and what Hall called pure greed.

Ponzi schemes involve taking funds from new investors and using them to pay old ones.

Carole Knopp, 69, of Enderby, B.C., lost about \$130,000 and was in court for the sentencing.

"I was a little disappointed because I was hoping it would be at least 14 (years) and maybe more," she said.

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Victim Carole Knopp prepares to speak to reporters outside court in Calgary Tuesday. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

CRIME

Human remains identified

Police have identified the remains found on a rural property near Leduc, Alta. in April as those of Corrie Renee Ottenbreit, an Edmonton woman who went missing more than 10 years ago.

RCMP confirmed the remains found April 19 belonged to Delores Brower, who was last seen May 15, 2004. Some of those remains have now been identified as belonging to 27-year-old Ottenbreit, a sex-trade worker who went missing on May 9, 2004, just one week before Brower.

Police were able to confirm Ottenbreit's identity through a hair sample she provided on Dec. 13, 2003 to the Project KARE street team, an RCMP initiative established in 2003 that works with vulnerable people in Alberta to minimize their risk of harm.

Ottenbreit's death is considered a homicide.

"This is a very difficult time for the Ottenbreit family and our thoughts are with them today," RCMP Serious Crimes Branch Insp. Stacey Talbot said Tuesday. "Sadly, they now know where Corrie is and now we need the public's help in finding out what happened to her."

The area where Ottenbreit and Brower's remains were found is within an eight-kilometre radius of the discovery of human remains belonging to two other women living high-risk lifestyles before their deaths. Katie Sylvia Ballantyne went missing on April 28, 2003. Her remains were found in the area on July 2, 2003. Amber Tuccaro went missing on Aug. 18, 2010 and her remains were also found in that area on Sept. 1, 2012. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Manitoba tornado lasted 'incredible' three hours

Officials were tallying damage Tuesday from a tornado that hit rural areas of southwestern Manitoba and lasted up to what Environment Canada called an "incredible" three hours.

Video and photos taken by storm chasers showed a wide-based, wedge-shaped tornado near the community of Tilston, as well as a multiple-vortex system swirling through nearby farmland just as the sun was setting Monday night. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Missing U.S. inmate found in Canada

New Hampshire authorities say they have found two inmates — one of them in Canada — who left a transitional living facility in Manchester last week.

Both inmates left for work from Calumet House on and never returned.

Corrections officials say Charles Namiot, 43, and 41-year-old Bruno Martin were nearing their parole dates and were placed at the facility to get a job, earn money and transition back into the community. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

Feds say little on apparent breach

The federal government is saying little about an apparent breach involving classified information — one that could snowball into a serious compromise of closely guarded secrets.

Digital hacking collective Anonymous made good late Monday on a threat to release what it says is the first of many sensitive documents.

It posted online what appeared to be a 2014 Treasury Board memo about funding of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service's overseas communications capabilities. But as of Tuesday morning, the document could not be accessed through the original link.

It was disabled by Lunaweb Ltd., which runs upload site DocDroid, "because it seems to be leaked" and DocDroid is "simply not the right place," said Lunaweb's Josias Montag.

"Such documents should be published on WikiLeaks; they do have the resources and experts for such things."

The Canadian Press could not confirm the document's authenticity and Jeremy Laurin, a spokesman for Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney, would not comment.

Laurin said Tuesday that officials "continue to monitor

this situation closely."

One senior official said it was still unclear Tuesday as to whether the document, which appears to be genuine, was indeed pilfered by hackers, or simply leaked. "There are obviously concerns about the document being released, except there's no confirmation it has been obtained through a hacking," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to comment publicly.

Anonymous has carried out cyberattacks against governments, corporations and others in the name of free speech, Internet liberties and anti-capitalist causes.

In a video statement discussing the document, Anonymous denounced the July 16 fatal shooting of a supporter in Dawson Creek, B.C., during a confrontation with the RCMP.

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“We will be releasing stunning secrets at irregular intervals.”
Hacker group Anonymous

IN BRIEF

Tory attack ads shift focus to NDP satellite offices

After more than a year of focusing attack ads on Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau, the Conservatives are finally turning their attention toward the Official Opposition as the Oct. 19 election fast approaches.

A new website — payit-

backndp.ca — and video from the Conservative party attack NDP MPs for inappropriately spending taxpayer money on staffing party offices outside of Ottawa.

The ad could be a sign the Conservatives are starting to feel threatened by the NDP's rise in the polls.

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IN BRIEF**Australian police find lead to missing girl case**

British police investigating the 2007 disappearance of Madeleine McCann say they have been in touch with Australian authorities about the discovery of the body of a young girl in a suitcase there.

Australian officials say there is no evidence the badly decomposed remains of a young girl are related to the McCann case.

The remains were found in a suitcase near Adelaide in South Australia. Police say the girl had been dead since 2007 or earlier. Authorities have not yet been able to identify her. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

25 people killed in Cairo furniture factory fire

A fire that erupted at a furniture factory east of Cairo on Tuesday killed 25 people and injured 22, Egypt's Health Ministry said.

According to a security official, a preliminary investigation indicated that the blaze started when a gas cylinder exploded as it was transported in an elevator. Egyptian state-run media said the factory in the city of al-Obour had not obtained a government safety certification. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rare northern white rhino dies at Czech zoo

One of the last five northern white rhinoceros left in the world has died.

The Czech zoo in Dvur Kralove says the 31-year-old female Nabire died Monday evening due to a ruptured cyst.

Nabire was born in the zoo on Nov. 15, 1983 — a rare case of the species being born in captivity.

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Cecil, the much-loved Zimbabwean lion, was killed by American tourist Walter Palmer on a hunt using a bow and arrow, according to the Zimbabwe Conservation Task Force charity. Zimbabwean authorities say the lion was tempted outside the park using bait, then shot earlier this month. Palmer claims he was misled by professional guides into believing the hunt was legal. AFP PHOTO

Lion killer says he believed hunt legal

ZIMBABWE

Dentist blames local guides for death of protected cat

An avid Minnesota hunter accused of illegally killing a protected lion in Zimbabwe said Tuesday that he thought everything about his trip was legal and wasn't aware of the animal's status "until the end of the hunt."

Walter Palmer, who has a felony record in the U.S. related to shooting a black bear

in Wisconsin, released his statement through a public relations firm after being identified by officials as the American involved in the hunt. Authorities in Zimbabwe say Palmer is being sought on poaching charges, but Palmer said he hasn't heard from U.S. or Zimbabwean authorities.

The death of Cecil, a well-known and protected lion, outraged animal conservationists and others.

"I had no idea that the lion I took was a known, local favourite, was collared and part of a study until the end of the hunt. I relied on the expertise of my local profes-

sional guides to ensure a legal hunt," said Palmer, a dentist who lives in the Minneapolis suburb of Eden Prairie.



I had no idea that the lion I took was a known, local favourite.

Walter Palmer

Palmer's whereabouts were unknown Tuesday. No one answered the door at his home, and a woman who

came out of his dental office in nearby Bloomington said he wasn't there or taking patients Tuesday. Phone calls to listed home numbers went unanswered.

Local authorities allege the lion was lured from a protected area and killed in early July. Zimbabwean conservationists said the American allegedly paid \$50,000 for the trip.

According to U.S. court records, Palmer pleaded guilty in 2008 to making false statements to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service about a black bear he fatally shot in western Wisconsin. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SENTENCING HEARING

Woman guilty for inmates' escape

A U.S. prison worker pleaded guilty Tuesday to smuggling hacksaw blades in frozen hamburger meat to two killers who later broke out in a brazen, elaborate escape that captured the world's attention for more than two weeks.

Joyce Mitchell, a tailor shop instructor at Clinton Correctional Facility in northern New York state, was jailed shortly after the intricately staged June 6 escape of Richard Matt and David Sweat. Matt was shot and killed by searchers June 26, about 30 miles west of the prison. Sweat was captured near the Canadian border two days later and sent to another prison.

Mitchell, 51, faces a sentence of between 2-1/2 and seven years in prison under terms of a plea deal with prosecutors. Sentencing is set for Sept. 28. Her lawyer said his client won't be able to post the bail set by the judge at \$100,000 cash or \$200,000 bond.

Corrections officials said Tuesday that Mitchell, who was arrested June 12, resigned from her job about two weeks later.

She admitted providing hacksaw blades, chisels, a punch tool and a screwdriver to Matt. Authorities say she became close to the pair, agreed to be their getaway driver and even discussed killing her husband. But she backed out at the last moment, forcing Matt and Sweat to flee on foot after they emerged from a manhole near the maximum-security prison.

Defence attorney Stephen Johnston said Mitchell "got in over her head."

"I think that to a certain extent, Matt got her to feeling good about herself, better than she had for a period of time, and she was swept off her feet a bit, for a period," Johnston said. "And then when she realized who she was dealing with everything changed."

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Joyce Mitchell. AP PHOTO

ISTANBUL

Conflict heightens amid NATO unease

Fighting between the Turkish military and Kurdish rebels escalated Tuesday amid signs of unease from NATO allies attending an emergency meeting about Turkey's conflicts with the Islamic State group and the Kurds.

On a violent day, Turkish fighter jets pounded rebels from the Kurdistan Workers Party after soldiers were fired on with heavy weaponry in Sirnak province, according to a military statement. Turkish soldiers also came under attack in two other incidents.

Meanwhile, NATO allies met in a rare emergency meeting at Turkey's request and proclaimed "strong solidarity" with the country's fight against the Islamic State group.

"The security of the alliance is indivisible," ambassadors from all 28 NATO nations declared in a joint statement after the meeting.

The spike in violence in recent days has prompted concerns that a peace process between Turkey and Kurdish rebels is falling beyond repair. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF**Retired archbishop returns to Cape Town hospital**

South African retired archbishop Desmond Tutu has returned for hospital treatment, a week after he left a Cape Town hospital following an intensive antibiotics course for an infection, his foundation said Tuesday.

The Nobel Peace Prize laureate was readmitted to the hospital after expressing renewed discomfort, said the foundation, which is named after Tutu and his wife, Leah.

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ETHIOPIA

Obama criticized for comments on Africa

Some African activists have greeted President Barack Obama's remarks that Ethiopia has a democratically elected government with scorn and concern.

Obama made the comment on Monday during a news conference with Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn of Ethiopia, whose ruling party won every seat in parliament in May elections.

On Tuesday, Obama urged African leaders to uphold democratic rights in a speech delivered from

the headquarters of the African Union before he departed Ethiopia to end a two-nation African trip that included a stop in Kenya.

Obama's comment illustrates how the U.S. is becoming "out of touch with African realities," such as the seemingly inevitable electoral victories of ruling parties whose power is entrenched, said Angelo Izama, a Ugandan analyst. "Obama was singing the praises of democracy in Ethiopia while ignoring its flaws there," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Scientists and tech experts, including Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak, warned Tuesday of a global arms race with weapons using artificial intelligence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Tech experts warning of killer robots

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Hawking and Wozniak lead charge to stop new arms race

Scientists and tech experts — including professor Stephen Hawking and Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak — warned Tuesday of a global arms race with weapons using artificial intelligence.

In an open letter with hundreds of signatories, the experts argued that if any major military power pushes ahead with development of autonomous weapons, “a global arms race is virtually inevitable, and the endpoint of this technological trajectory is obvious: autonomous weapons will become the Ka-

lashnikovs of tomorrow.”

Some people have argued in favour of robots on the battlefield, saying their use could save lives. Such weapons are still years away. But the scientists warned that, unlike nuclear weapons, once they are developed they will require no costly or hard-to-obtain raw materials — making it possible to mass-produce them.

“It will only be a matter of time until they appear on the black market and in the hands of terrorists, dictators wishing to better control their populace, warlords wishing to perpetrate ethnic cleansing, etc.,” the letter said.

Those signing the letter included Elon Musk, Tesla Motors CEO; Demis Hassabis, who founded Google DeepMind; and Noam Chomsky, an emeritus professor at MIT.

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COMPUTING

Microsoft giving Windows 10 for free

Microsoft’s new Windows 10 operating system debuts Wednesday, as the longtime leader in PC software hopes that giving the upgrade away for free will help it carve out a new role in a world where people increasingly rely on smartphones, tablets and information stored online.

The company, which wants to get the new software on as many devices as possible, is counting on tens or even

hundreds of millions of people to download its latest release in the coming months. Many people will also get Windows 10 as part of new PCs.

Windows 10 is coming to PCs and tablets first, but it’s also designed to run phones, game consoles and even holographic headsets. It has new features, a streamlined Web browser called Edge and a desktop version of Cortana, the online assistant that is Micro-

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Windows 10 lets users log in with their face, iris or thumbprint, instead of remembering passwords, though this works only with the right hardware.

soft’s answer to Google Now and Apple’s Siri.

Still, the company insists Windows 10 will seem familiar to users of Windows 7, the six-year-old operating system still running on most PCs. Microsoft and PC makers want to erase the memory of the last big update, 2012’s Windows 8, which alienated many with its unwieldy design. Microsoft skipped the name Windows 9, as if to distance itself further from the last release.

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IN BRIEF

WestJet profit up

WestJet earned a second-quarter profit of \$61.6 million, up from \$51.8 million, as it cut costs and improved revenue. The Calgary-based airline says the profit amounted to 49 cents per diluted share, compared to a profit of 40 cents a year ago.

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the big question

Is the 'gig economy' a myth?

Much has been made of the rise of freelance and contract work that's seen many scraping together a living from multiple, insecure sources. But recent research suggests the 'Uber economy' may not be all it's cracked up to be. In fact, fewer Americans are self-employed or hold multiple jobs than just 10 years ago. People who would be working multiple jobs are taking advantage of tech-sector opportunities. But if companies — especially low-overhead, web-based ones like Etsy and Airbnb — prove piecemeal work is profitable, other businesses could imitate them. And then a trend that has been mostly confined to discussion boards and think-pieces could make an appearance in real life.

SOURCE: SLATE

How not to think about last week's climate study



Genna Buck
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Communication between the scientific and non-scientific worlds often resembles two people shouting over a vast river, each straining to hear garbled shouts.

On Thursday, regular people got a particularly inscrutable dispatch from those way over on the scientific side: a long and complex paper, from the climate scientist and NASA veteran James Hansen, that makes some pretty terrifying projections about the rise in global sea levels.

Hansen and his co-authors paint the future as significantly scarier even than the International Panel on Climate Change's most extreme scenario, which estimates global sea-level rise at just shy of a metre by the year 2100 if we continue emitting as we have been. Hansen suggests not only that a one-metre rise

could happen much earlier but that, if we continue on our current fuel-burning path through 2100, sea levels will rise by between five and nine metres, heights not seen since about 115,000 to 130,000 years ago, when Neanderthals roamed Europe and our Homo sapiens ancestors were still knocking rocks together in Africa.

If the Hansen-report scenario comes to pass, New York City and Bangladesh would be swallowed up.

Pondering all this on the layman's riverbank, I was faced with reasons to doubt the paper. First of all, it's terrifying. Secondly, I was suspicious that something important had been lost in transmission. It was time to run some telephone cable under the river. Only that way could I find out how to think about Hansen's study as a scientist would.

So that's what I did. I called Canadian climate experts and ran Hansen's findings by

them.

That's the first reason for doubt: The paper was published in an open-access journal anyone can give feedback to.

This may seem like a free-for-all compared to traditional expert review, says Karen Kohfeld, a Canada Research Chair in climate, but it can actually improve transparency and gets more eyes on the work.

This is what Carleton University climate scientist John Stone told me when I asked him about it: "Our understanding of glacier (and) ice-sheet physics has evolved rapidly and produced several surprises. All of these advances, unfortunately, imply a sea-level rise that is much faster than previously estimated."

Skeptics like to interpret the fact that climatologists disagree about precisely the scale and timing of the earth's warming to mean we can't be sure it's warming at all.

But to think that way is definitely not to think like a sci-

entist think. Climate systems are extremely complex, and we can only talk about the future in terms of risk, says Canadian Foundation for Climate and Atmospheric Sciences chair Gordon McBean.

"What Hansen is talking about is a possibility," he told me — but it's one of many.

Such vagueness is enough to make a person want to give up and say it's too late — that there's no point trying to reduce carbon emissions. We'll just have to adapt.

But that's like saying you've had so many sunburns, there's no point in trying to stop skin cancer. You'll just take chemotherapy.

The way we're going, we'd be lucky to get off with a one-metre sea level rise. Even then, in the words of Kohfeld, "We're going to see a world we've not experienced before."

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

We police voices of all those we deem to be improper in society

It's my great pleasure today to disagree with both Naomi Wolf and her critics.

This whole vocal-fry thing is not about holding women down.

Or rather, it's about so much more.

Last week Wolf penned a misguided address to young women in North America and Britain: To be successful, she wrote, we must change our voices.

No more uptalk (adding a question-mark sound to a statement). No more "like." No more "breathiness" or run-on sentences. And no more vocal fry (the staccato distortion that sounds like an idling motor).

That last one has had a popular year. This American Life did a show on it, prompted by piles of hate-mail from listeners who can't stand to hear women reporters.

Wolf argued in the Guardian, rather incoherently, that women should not be judged by how they sound, but since they are — and since it may be ruining their careers (a modern woman's most sacred possession) — women should try to sound better.

She even argued that young women put on wispy voices out of insecurity, and if they only use their "own voices," then "huge, good changes follow."

Asking women to change is very un-feminist thinking from

a popular feminist, Wolf's critics have pointed out.

I agree. Except they, too, are missing the point.

The policing of voices isn't a feminist issue. It's a general, equal-opportunity tool of oppression.

It's done to all sections of society deemed improper, either by way of gender, class or race.

In the U.K. — a linguistic buffet — class and the posh, "proper" English accent has long dictated the BBC's sound. It's more diverse these days, but just last year, a viewer deemed one BBC reporter's northern English accent a "terrible affliction."

In America, it's a matter of race. Writing for NPR earlier this year, Chenjerai Kumanyika discussed making his voice sound less black for radio.

There is an accepted way to speak with authority. It involves a relatively low register, no immigrant accent and no slang. It sounds very male, very white and very upper class. All must rise to it, or be silent.

I'm not above its allure. I've secretly criticized women's voices and wondered why some speak so softly.

But sexism, racism and classism are no excuse for tuning out others. Maybe once our media sounds as diverse as our streets, we'll stop thinking that authority sounds like a white man.

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Summer television must-sees

BEAT THE HEAT

Take a break from the sun and discover these shows

Brian Gasperek
For Metro

If you're ignoring summer TV because you think it's just a boring desert wasteland full of old re-runs and repetitive reality shows, we're sorry to break it to you, but you're



totally missing out!

In addition to the return of some TV favourites, the summer of 2015 has produced a handful of brand spankin' new shows that are actually worth checking out ... you know, when you

need a break from those patio drinks in the sun.

Here's a look at the five best new TV shows that you should be watching this summer. Trust us, they will happily tide you over until the fall.

Sense8

There's a good chance you've already heard the buzz, but if you haven't actually watched the Wachowski siblings' Netflix series Sense8 yet, start now.

The show is captivatingly weird. It follows the story of eight strangers that are linked together as one self, tracing the events of a tragic death. They share the same knowledge, memories, and abilities. It's far out and addictive. And the best part is that the entire first season is available to binge watch right now. You won't regret it.

Wet Hot American Summer: First Day of Camp

Netflix is about to release the entire series of Wet Hot American Summer: First Day of Camp

and it's pretty damn hilarious.

The series is the prequel to the cult comedy film Wet Hot American Summer. It features an all-star cast of Paul Rudd, Amy Poehler, Bradley Cooper, Elizabeth Banks, Janeane Garofalo and Molly Shannon all reprising their film roles, plus some sweet cameos that you can't miss.

Mr. Robot

Mr. Robot is about a young outcast cyber-security engineer named Elliot who is actually a vigilante hacker by night.

He uses his hacking skills to illegally bring society's scumbags (pedophiles, cheaters and sleazy executives) to justice. He gets too deep into a murky conspiracy plan with a mysterious social-anarchist leader named Mr. Robot (Christian Slater) who wants to bring down the corporation that Elliot works for with his followers.

It's kind of like a cyberpunk, hacker version of Dexter. You'll like it.

Humans

If you're looking for a solid dose of new science fiction this summer, the Brit series Humans is a must see. The show explores the societal relationship between human beings and their uncannily human-like helper androids called synths (the latest must-have technology for busy families.) The show focuses on the emotional consequences of creating human-like artificial intelligence that may or may not actually have feelings. Classic science fiction nuts will love it.

UnREAL

Ridiculous title spelling aside, UnREAL is a must-see.

The dark comedy, which premiered last month, features Shiri Appleby as an unstable and morally conflicted producer working on a salacious, soul-sucking Bachelor-esque reality show.

It's a terrific spoof on how twisted the creation of that kind of insufferable reality TV must really be.

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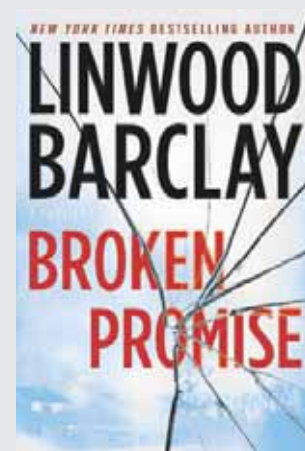
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BROKEN PROMISE — AN EXCERPT IN FOUR PARTS

BY LINWOOD BARCLAY

Maybe this was just the way she'd been since giving birth to a lifeless child. Dad had more or less nailed it, in his own tactless way, when he said she'd gone "a bit crackers"

**PART 3 OF 4****Something dark has infected Promise Falls**

Bestselling thriller author Linwood Barclay returns this month with *Broken Promise* (Doubleday, July 28, \$22.95) the first book in an explosive new trilogy.

After the discovery of a bizarre squirrel massacre by the town's former mayor in yesterday's excerpt, we return to David who visits his cousin Marla and is startled to find her caring for a baby just 10 months after her miscarriage.

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"Marla, I'm serious. You need to talk to me here," I said. "Where did you get this baby?"

"I should put him down for a nap," she said, cradling Matthew in her arms.

"Who else knows about Matthew?" I asked. "Does Aunt Agnes — does your mother know?"

"I haven't told her the good news yet. It's all happened pretty quickly. Yesterday afternoon, around the time Dr. Phil comes on, the doorbell rang."

"Who was it?"

A weak smile. "I told you. The angel. Well, okay, not a real angel, but she was dressed all in white."

"Was she the mother?"

Marla looked at me sharply. "I'm the mother now."

"Okay," I said. "Was she injured? Did you see any blood? Was there blood on her hand? Did she say who she was?"

Marla shook her head slowly. "You know I'm not good with faces, David. And she was in a hurry." Her voice drifted off. She put Matthew in the middle of the bed and surrounded him with pillows, creating a kind of berm around him.

"Until I get a crib, I have to do this. I don't want him rolling off the bed and hitting the floor. Would you be able to help me with that? Getting a crib?"

"There are a few things we need to sort out first," I said.

I wondered whether she was on medication, whether that

would explain her apparent detachment from reality. If she'd been seeing a psychiatrist since losing her baby, and been prescribed anything to deal with depression or anxiety, I wasn't aware of it.

Maybe she wasn't on anything, and this was just the way she'd been since giving birth to a lifeless child. Dad had more or less nailed it, in his own tactless way, when he said she'd gone "a bit crackers."

Marla's mother, Agnes, and their family physician, a doctor named Sturgess, if I remembered right, had been at her side. Mom had talked about their sense of horror when they realized something was wrong. How Marla had been able to hold the child, briefly, before it had to be taken away.

How it had been a girl. "Such a sad, sad thing," Mom said whenever her niece crossed her mind. "It did something to her. Something just snapped."

In tomorrow's excerpt:

David's concern about Marla and the baby rises as he finds more bloody smudges

THE PARK IS OPEN**Jurassic World gay porn parody**

How could you possibly improve on *Jurassic World*, the summer's biggest movie? How about with a cheaply made Thai gay porn adaptation titled, simply, *Jurassic Porn* and featuring guys in what I guess are supposed to be dinosaur suits? If the amazing trailer is any indication, it will be a bizarre, cross-cutting mix of Scooby Doo-like comic antics and hard-core all-male three-ways. As they say, "the hunting will be happening." Oh and, "the exciting between human and dinosaur" does sound pretty, um, exciting. Wonder what Chris Pratt would think.

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A scene from the gay porn adaptation of *Jurassic World* that aims to give hunky Chris Pratt some competition. CONTRIBUTED



Updated RDX smooth as butter



REVIEW

What it lacks in panache it makes up for in class and competence



Mike Goetz
Metro | Canada

Acura first introduced its compact crossover, RDX, for model year 2006. That version featured one of Honda's rare turbocharged engines — one of the elements that contributed to making the RDX quite sporty, but also agreeably unrefined, like a fine athlete that flunked finishing school.

While this gave RDX a distinct personality, Acura soon saw it had greater sales potential if it were more mainstream. So the next-generation version introduced for model year 2013 featured a smooth 3.5-litre V6, smooth styling, and a larger and roomier interior. Net result: It became, and still is, Canada's top-selling compact luxury crossover.

The major "mid-cycle" update it received for model year 2016 follows the same plot lines, but with more safety and luxury features.

For example, all RDX models now include a new information screen in the gauge cluster, and Acura's impressive AcuraWatch safety technologies, which include adaptive cruise, lane keeping assist and lane departure warning, and multi-angle rear-

view camera.

The Technology Package now gives you heated rear seats, remote starter, eight-inch infotainment screen with navigation, and power folding mirrors. You have to move up trim lines to get other new stuff, such as 18-inch wheels and ventilated front seats.

Now with two screens you can keep track of navigation results and all your infotainment options without switching back and forth, but this does add complexity and create a busy interface. Not for some, fine for others.

The new LED headlights and taillights are the most notable new-for-2016 exterior design updates, and are effective in freshening and modernizing what is more or less a generic-looking crossover shape.

This generation RDX features "just average" driving excitement and handling, but there is a lot of satisfaction to be had from modulating the very refined and powerful V6. A lot of RDX rivals feature 2.0-litre four-cylinder turbos as their base powerplants. The V6 also seems to be in its sweet spot and is hard to fault in any category. It automatically shuts down three cylinders under light load to help it achieve reasonable fuel economy, although it does require premium gas.

Lots of back seat and cargo room for this size of vehicle, and the seats flip and fold easily. While ostensibly a "premium" brand, Acura seems to keep things relatively restrained. The RDX, at least, doesn't scream luxury so much so as speak it in a low, calm voice.

THE CHECKLIST | 2016 ACURA RDX

THE BASICS

Type. Compact-midsize, five-door, AWD, luxury crossover
Power. 279-hp 3.5-litre V6
Transmission. 6-speed automatic
Price. Base \$41,690 (plus destination)

NOTABLE FEATURES

- Engine shuts down three cylinders under light loads
- Impressive suite of standard AcuraWatch safety and driver-assist systems
- Full-time AWD system always sends torque to rear wheels, for sportier feel



POINTS

- More luxury and features added for major mid-cycle revision for model year 2016
- Adopts Acura's new two-screen infotainment system
- Very roomy, with quiet and refined road manners

MARKET POSITION

- Smaller sibling to Acura's MDX luxury crossover, with essentially same premium V6
- One level up of luxury and premium brand cache than offered by mainstream nameplates
- Currently Canada's bestselling compact/midsize luxury crossover

THE COMPETITION



Audi Q5
Base price: \$43,490



Infiniti QX50
Base price: \$34,950



Lincoln MKC
Base price: \$37,511

DRIVING FORCE

Queasy street: Self-driving vehicles may make drivers carsick

Jill McIntosh
For Metro

Drivers seldom suffer from motion sickness, but passengers often do, which could potentially create issues for autonomous vehicles. Since the driver will only be "along for the ride" much of the time, there's a good chance he or she could become queasy as well.

"The ability to be productive in self-driving vehicles is touted as one of their advantages," says Michael Sivak, co-author of a

study on motion sickness at the University of Michigan's Transportation Research Institute.

"However, to be productive, one needs to be engaged in activities known to increase the probability of motion sickness, such as working on your laptop, texting and reading."

Motion sickness is caused by a conflict between what you're seeing, and how your inner ear thinks you're moving as it works to keep your balance. Passengers tend to have a harder time because they're usually not able to anticipate the car's motion, and

they're not in control of where they're going.

Visibility is an issue, Sivak says, and the study found that people are more likely to get carsick if the windows are small, or darkened enough that it's difficult to see through them.

"What matters is the visibility from the car, and thus the size of the windows," he says. "Current windows would be okay. The concern is that manufacturers (of self-driving cars) are thinking about reducing the current size, or reducing their transmissivity."

How people sit in self-driving

cars may also make a difference, since some experimental designs

allow the front seats to spin around so their occupants can face people in the rear seats. The study found that motion sickness tends to get worse if the person is facing backwards or sideways in the vehicle.

But possibly the most important factor is what the driver will be doing when he or she

isn't actually steering and driving. If something further up-

23%

The study also found that 23 per cent of Americans polled would not ride in a self-driving car.

sets the balance of where the person is looking and how the body perceives motion, the problem can get much worse, such as in people who primarily get sick when they read in the car. The study found that drivers and passengers are least likely to experience nausea if they are lying down, or if their eyes are closed.

In addition to the vehicle having large, clear windows, some other suggestions for reducing motion sickness when the car is self-driving include having videos or tablets placed so that occupants look straight ahead to see them, rather than looking down; transparent information displays; video screens that move in conjunction with the viewer's head motions; and seats that recline fully flat, but cannot swivel sideways or backwards.

The study also found that carsickness could be reduced if the vehicle has very smooth ride.

Comfort, confidence in Volvo S80

USED VEHICLE

Infotainment system needs a check in 2007-2014 models

Volvo's top-dog S80 was available in its most recent generation to us Canadians from model year 2007 to present day, with numerous updates and facelifts applied to keep things fresh.

Prime purchase considerations for Volvo's biggest sedan included comfort, confidence, peace of mind, and a top-of-the-line driving experience that flew under the radar.

Feature content in a used model may include automatic climate control, push-button start, a sunroof, an auto-dimming rearview mirror, rain-sensing wipers, active cruise control, a Dynaudio stereo, xenon headlights with washers, and more.

Look for S80 with engines including Volvo's 3.2-litre straight-six, a turbocharged straight-six, or a silky 4.4-litre Yamaha-built V8. Front or all-wheel drive was

available, and all units got an automatic transmission.

The test drive

Confirm that the memory seats, adaptive lamps, climate control, keyless start system, stereo, and anything else that runs on electricity is working properly. Plot a course with the navigation system, and pair your Bluetooth phone and call your grandmother.

Note that a bad Infotainment Control Module (ICM) can cause a slew of sporadic problems with the on-screen display, stereo, steering-wheel controls and other functions related to the infotainment system, or even prevent it from powering on.

Try the parking assist system, confirming proper operation and checking for any warning messages in the driver computer. A faulty wiring harness is the likely culprit if issues are noted.

On turbocharged models, have someone watch for smoke from the exhaust at startup, at full throttle while driving, and for a few moments after a sporty drive. Smoke could indicate a problem with the turbo-

+ KEEPING COOL

Confirm proper operation of the air conditioner, noting that premature system failure may be caused by a bad bearing on the AC compressor, or a refrigerant leak. And, speaking of keeping cool, rare but notable reports of cooling system leaks and overheating caused by failed fan modules have been made.

charger, though with sensible driving and regular oil changes, this component should last the life of the vehicle.

Scrutinize the feel of the S80's brake pedal while applying light, moderate and full braking, noting that a soft pedal, or a pedal that goes to the floor, as well as weak braking performance, can be caused by a leak in the brake booster or a connected vacuum line, and is a safety concern.

Note that the straight-six engines are easy to work on for do-it-yourself types, and offer a decent blend of power, mileage and refinement. JUSTIN PRITCHARD



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What owners like

Owners often rave about extreme comfort, a hearty feel of safety and security, a fantastic and tranquil highway drive, plenty of space, and good fuel mileage, even from the V8 engine. The premium stereo system and high-intensity xenon headlights are also highly rated.

What owners dislike

Complaints are minimal, centring around a fussy and clumsy navigation system, and a lack of North American-friendly cupholder sizes.

The verdict

This one looks like a relatively solid bet on a well-loved luxury sedan that can be bought with confidence with a thumbs-up from a Volvo mechanic.

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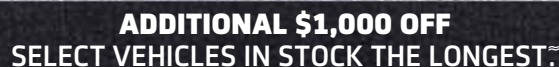
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California looks to make EVs more affordable

Making plug-in hybrids and electric vehicles a lot more affordable to lower-income drivers is the focus of California's new "Plus-Up" program. Considering recent news that prices on used electric cars are on a downward spiral, and with families potentially eligible to receive as much as \$12,000 US toward the purchase of a new or used electric car — plus up to \$2,000 for a home charging unit — "some households could land an electric vehicle at net-zero cost," notes Green Car Reports. There's a catch, however: To be eligible, buyers must live in one of two problematic air-pollution zones: the South Coast/Greater Los Angeles area, or the San Joaquin Valley.

+ EPIC ROAD TRIP

14 countries, 1 tank of fuel

Britain's Royal Automobile Club and Audi have set a new Guinness World Record for the most countries driven through on a single tank of fuel.

Auto writer Andrew Frankel and racing driver Rebecca Jackson drove an unmodified Audi A6 TDI Ultra (diesel) in an unbroken drive that began in the Netherlands, wound through Europe and ended in Hungary nearly 28 hours and 1,854 kilometres later.

The last few kilometres were "nail-biting," said trip co-ordinator Simon Williams. "The A6 Ultra's computer was reading 'zero miles' with 16 miles (26 kilometres) to go ... to make it 14 countries."

This feat would not have been possible in North America where most American states are larger than most European countries.

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SECOND GENERATION

GM teases next Chevy Cruze

With more than 3.5 million Cruzes sold in 115 countries since its introduction in 2008, Chevrolet is preparing to roll out its all-new second-generation Cruze, said to be larger yet lighter, more fuel efficient and cleaner burning than the first-gen car, while packing new engines, safety features and technologies. As a global product, the Cruze single-handedly replaced 15 other company GM vehicles around the globe, noted Alan Batey, president of GM North America and global Chevrolet brand chief. The next-generation Cruze hits showrooms in early 2016.

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Eco-marathon goes the distance

Energy giant Shell showed a fleet of cars at the recent 24 Hours of Le Mans endurance race in France that could complete the world's most famous auto race on just over a litre of fuel, albeit at a much slower pace. It marked the 30th time Shell has hosted the Eco-marathon, which started in France in 1985. This year's entries achieved as many as 3,750 kilometres per litre of gasoline burned (about 0.027 l/100 km). The global competition challenges students to design, build and drive the most efficient vehicles, pushing the boundaries of energy efficiency and mobility on the road.

RENTAL AGENCY

Avis Denmark boosts EV fleet

Nissan and auto rental agency AVIS Denmark have signed a deal to create the largest fleet of Nissan electric vehicles anywhere in Europe, with a new order of 401 Nissan e-NV200 vans and a further 60 units of the full-electric Nissan Leaf midsize sedan, bringing its total EV fleet to 861 vehicles. Courier service DHL in Italy also began using Nissan electric vehicles earlier this year.



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The rise and fall of the 'vocho'

CULTURE

In Mexico City, once beloved Beetle car nearly extinct

It was a symbol of the Mexico City landscape, zooming, honking and fuming in the mega-capital's infamously dense traffic.

But the beloved Volkswagen Beetle is nearly extinct, a victim of anti-pollution campaigns.

A few "vochos," as the curvy car is known in Mexico, can still be spotted occasionally in the city's chaotic streets while so-called "Vochomania" clubs of collectors try to keep it alive.

But the once ubiquitous white and green — and later red and gold — Beetle taxis that clogged boulevards are gone from the metropolis, home to 20 million people and four million cars.

"We could have thought about keeping a few in the historic centre to preserve the symbol. But it wasn't meant to be," said Rodrigo Diaz, an urban planning consultant who writes a blog on transport issues.

The unceremonious demise of the vocho is surprising for a country that has had a long love affair with the Beetle.

Instantly popular

The "people's car" born in Germany in the politically charged

1930s arrived in Mexico in 1954, where it became an instant hit.

Mexicans, seeing it as an affordable, easy to fix and a fun ride, scooped up 50,000 Beetles in just one year. It was quickly adopted by taxi drivers and the Volkswagen was given the diminutive nickname, vocho.

"In case of a breakdown, you could replace the fan belt with panty hose," recalled Ricardo, a nostalgic taxi driver.

The car's success prompted Volkswagen to build a plant in the central state of Puebla in 1964. By 1973, a third of cars sold in Mexico were vochos.

During that era, the Beetle became the most produced single model car in history with 15 million vehicles made, overtaking Ford's Model T.

Sheen wears off

But after the era of the oil crisis, the Beetle began to lose its charm. It was suddenly seen as too polluting, too noisy and too uncomfortable.

Its backseat was too hard compared to newer vehicles. Taxi drivers often removed the passenger seat. When the driver hit the brakes too hard, the passenger risked flying through the windshield.

Worse, in the late 1990s, criminals turned the Beetle into a trap for "express" kidnappings and robberies, transforming the "Love Bug" into a villainous vocho.

The Beetle taxis were repainted in white and green in an attempt to refurbish their

tarnished image. The colours were later changed to red and gold. But the new body paint was not enough as passengers preferred newer, safer and more comfortable rides.

The last vocho was built in 2003 in Puebla, at the world's last Beetle assembly plant.

Taxi drivers were offered \$1,000 to get rid of them. In 2012, there were still 3,500 Beetle taxis, but they were

gradually sent to junkyards.

The capital's taxis are now four-door vehicles with a rear trunk, like in most major world cities.

Where they are now

Beetle aficionados can still find a few taxi-vochos but they have to venture into tourist towns such as Taxco, where they are painted red, or Acapulco, where they are white

+ BEETLE FEVER

In Uruguay, former president José Mujica declared only one asset in 2010: his 1987 Beetle.

and blue.

"Unlike London with its double-decker buses, San Francisco and Lisbon with their

cable cars, or Valparaiso with its funicular, Mexico didn't declare this vehicle a part of its historic heritage," Diaz, the blogger, lamented. "It's a shame."

At least one white and green taxi can still be seen: in a museum in Berlin. It was sent by Mexico City in 2008 as a gift, in a sort of return-to-sender gesture after a 50-year love affair. AFP



An old Volkswagen Beetle used as a taxi cab sits in a large yard for impounded cars in Mexico City. OMAR TORRES/AFP

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Blue Jays trade for 'best shortstop in baseball'

MLB

Tulowitzki coming to T.O., Reyes dealt to Colorado

Toronto Blue Jays general manager Alex Anthopoulos couldn't miss the chance to get one of the top shortstops in baseball, even at the cost of more prospects.

Anthopoulos acquired shortstop Troy Tulowitzki and reliever LaTroy Hawkins in a trade with the Colorado Rockies on Tuesday in exchange for shortstop Jose Reyes, reliever Miguel Castro and minor-league pitchers Jeff Hoffman and Jesus Tinoco.



Troy Tulowitzki
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Hoffman and Tinoco are considered two of the Blue Jays' top young

players but Anthopoulos could not pass up the chance to get Tulowitzki.

"We're getting the best shortstop in baseball in our minds, and those opportunities just don't present themselves," said Anthopoulos.

Talks between the Blue Jays and Rockies began last off-season, with Toronto pursuing Tu-



Jays Shop employee Nico Canavo makes a Troy Tulowitzki jersey in Toronto on Tuesday.
MARK BLINCH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

lowitzki. According to Anthopoulos, Colorado's counter offers always included Hoffman and the deal got done when the Blue Jays agreed to his inclusion late Monday night.

"You always like to keep your prospects if you can but, again, if you have opportunities to get guys that you think are great fits we're obviously willing to do

that," said Anthopoulos. "Ideally you hang on to them but you also realize you're not going to get guys for free.

"We don't have a cut-and-dried policy, we'd like to keep as many as we can but that's the cost of acquiring players."

The talented but oft-injured Tulowitzki is a five-time all-star who is hitting .300 with

12 homers and 53 RBIs in 87 games this season. He has spent his entire 10-year MLB career with Colorado.

The 30-year-old Tulowitzki gives Toronto (50-50) another powerful, right-handed bat in a dangerous lineup that already includes Jose Bautista, Josh Donaldson and Edwin Encarnacion.

Toronto's commitment to Tu-

+ SO LONG, PAL

Reyes' former Jays teammates tweeted their reactions to the trade:

"One of the toughest things in sports, saying goodbye to a teammate who has become of your family!! @lamelaza-7. #Love."
— Jose Bautista, @Joey-Bats19

"Going to miss my boy @lamelaza-7. Once a brother always a brother."
— Josh Donaldson, @BringerOf-Rain20



Jose Reyes
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NFL

Goodell upholds ban on Brady

Tom Brady's four-game suspension for his role in using under-inflated footballs during the AFC championship game has been upheld by NFL commissioner Roger Goodell.

The league announced the decision Tuesday, with Goodell saying that the New England quarterback told an assistant to destroy Brady's cellphone on or just before March 6. Brady met with independent investigator Ted Wells on that day.

"He did so even though he was aware that the investigators had requested access to text messages and other electronic information that had been stored on that phone," Goodell said in his decision.

"During the four months that the cellphone was in use, Brady had exchanged nearly 10,000 text messages, none of which can now be retrieved from that device."

Calling the appeal process "a sham," Tom Brady's agent, Don Yee, said Goodell "failed to ensure a fair process" in upholding the quarterback's four-game suspension.

Brady acknowledged in his testimony he was aware of investigators' request for information from the cellphone before he had it destroyed, the appeal decision said.

After releasing the report in May, Wells said he had told Brady and Yee he did not need to see his phone and would have accepted a list of communications.

Jimmy Garoppolo is expected to replace Brady in the Pats' lineup. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Tom Brady
GETTY IMAGES

MLB

Royals pull trigger on trade for Zobrist

The Kansas City Royals made another big addition for the season's stretch run, acquiring utilityman Ben Zobrist and cash from the Oakland Athletics on Tuesday for right-hander Aaron Brooks and minor-league left-hander Sean Manaea.

The 34-year-old Zobrist, an infielder and outfielder, batted .268 with six home runs, 20 doubles, two triples and 33 RBIs in 67 games for the A's, who are in last place in the AL West after three straight playoff seasons.



Ben Zobrist GETTY IMAGES

He joins a Royals team that leads the AL Central and already dealt for former Cincinnati ace Johnny Cueto on Sunday.

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IN BRIEF

Mets reliever Mejia suspended 162 games

Just back from an 80-game drug suspension, New York Mets reliever Jenrry Mejia has been banned for an additional 162 games following a positive test for Stanazolol and Boldenone.

Mejia was first suspended April 11 following a positive test for Stanazolol and said in a statement then "I can honestly say I have no idea how a banned substance ended up in my system."

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NHL

Brandon Sutter dealt to Vancouver

The Vancouver Canucks acquired forward Brandon Sutter and a third-round draft pick from the Pittsburgh Penguins on Tuesday.

In exchange, the Canucks sent forward Nick Bonino, defenseman Adam Clendening and a second-round pick in 2016 to Pittsburgh.

The third-round selection acquired by Vancouver will be the earlier pick of two held by Pittsburgh.

"Brandon Sutter is a good two-way player. He's a matchup guy,"

33

Sutter recorded 33 points (21 goals and 12 assists) last season

Canucks general manager Jim Benning said on a conference call. "He brings us speed to the middle of the ice and I think it solidifies our centre ice (position)." THE CANADIAN PRESS

+ PATRIOTS

For their part in Deflategate, the Patriots were fined \$1 million and docked a pair of draft picks. The team didn't appeal its penalty.

IN BRIEF

Crosby, MacKinnon hit fast-food drive thru

Talk about a double-double.

If you thought you saw two major National Hockey League stars working at a Tim Hortons in Dartmouth this week, you weren't seeing things.

Social media was buzzing Monday and Tuesday with sightings of Cole Harbour natives Sidney Crosby of the Pittsburgh Penguins and Nathan MacKinnon of the Colorado Avalanche serving up coffee and donuts as part of a commercial shoot for the multinational chain of quick-stop restaurants.

Sports and pop culture website BarDown, a subsite of TSN, appears to be the first media outlet to pick up on the comments and photos flooding Instagram and Twitter, posting a story Tuesday afternoon and calling the duo doling out snacks at the drive-thru "the most Canadian thing we've seen all week."

The popular hockey players even penned their autographs on the lids of Timmies cups, according to the BarDown story.

"Just a normal day at work," Instagram user Chris Morris wrote Monday afternoon. Along with the comment, he posted a photo of Sid the Kid looking up at him, with the two of them wearing matching Tims uniforms.

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Final World Cup push

RUGBY

Canada preps for warm-up games ahead of tourney opener

The clock is ticking on Canada's World Cup rugby team.

Kieran Crowley's squad has won two of its last 11 test matches dating back to November 2013. The Canadian men, currently ranked 18th in the world, have only beaten No. 21 Namibia and No. 29 Portugal during that stretch.

They lost to No. 9 Samoa, No. 11 Scotland, No. 12 Tonga, No. 13 Japan (twice), No. 14 Georgia, No. 16 U.S., and No. 17 Romania (twice). The record worsens if you add non-test losses to the New Zealand Maori and an English second-division all-star team.

With Canada's World Cup opener against No. 3 Ireland just 50-odd days away, there is lots to do.

Canadian captain Tyler Ardrone and Gareth Rees, manager of the national men's program, both point to Canada's recent lack of games as a problem.

Wednesday's Pacific Nations Cup game again Samoa in Toronto represents just Canada's third test match since losing to Romania last November at the end of a European tour.

The good news is there are more challenges ahead in the leadup to the Rugby World Cup, which opens Sept. 17 in London.

"We now, in the next month and a half, have six games before the World Cup starts," said Rees, a former Canadian captain who played in four World Cups. "So there's a lot of learnings, a lot of things we're trying to put in place in a pretty short period of time. But this group's really accepted the challenge."

The Samoa game is the next warm-up, to be followed by a final Pacific Nations Cup match on Monday in Burnaby, B.C.

The Canadians then play the U.S. on Aug. 22 in Ottawa, the Glasgow Warriors on Aug. 29 in Halifax and Georgia and Fiji on Sept. 2 and 6, respectively in England.

Canada opened the Pacific Nations Cup with a 20-6 loss to Japan in San Jose before squandering a 15-3 lead to Tonga, falling 28-18 in Burnaby.

"We've created some good

opportunities but we have not finished in our last two games. Skills have let us down and we haven't managed it," said Rees. "So to have another opportunity against Samoa is really important. We have to start taking these."

"Make no mistake about it, we're being pretty tough on ourselves because we want to produce results."

Part of the challenge is assembling Canada's best players at the same time, with injuries, club commitments and the fact that — unlike most countries — Canada's 15-man squad draws on its sevens program.

Canada, currently waiting on the injury status of forwards Jamie Cudmore, Jebb Sinclair, Jason Marshall and Tom Dolezel, is expected to name its World Cup status after the Pacific Nations.

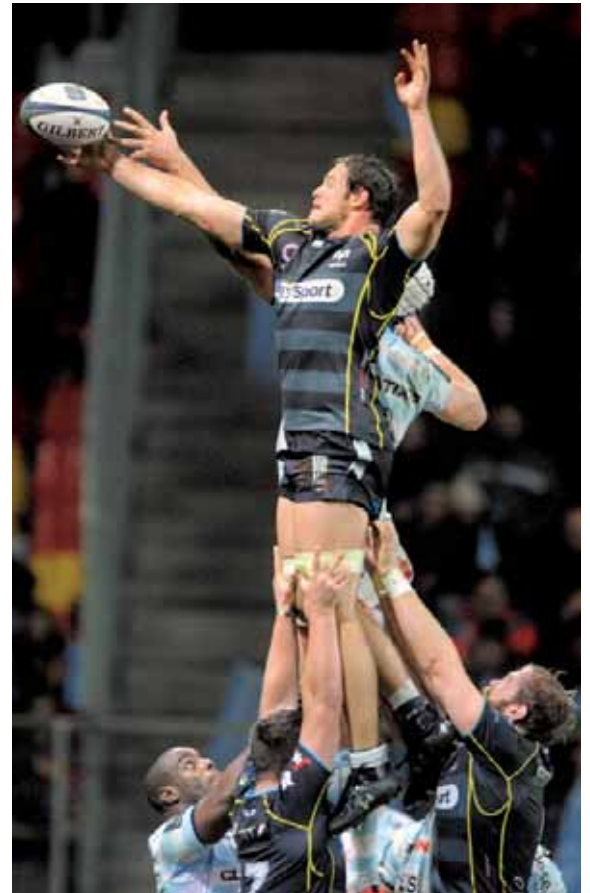
Facing a third game in 11 days and with the tournament finale on Monday in Burnaby, Crowley has made 12 changes to his starting lineup from the team that lost to Tonga.

The holdovers are No. 8 Ardrone, flanker John Moonlight and Matt Evans, who switches to wing from fullback.

Canada has never beaten Samoa in four attempts, losing 23-13 last November in their most recent meeting.

The U.S. meets Tonga and Fiji faces Japan in the first two games of Wednesday's triple-header at BMO Field.

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Canada rugby captain Tyler Ardrone catches the ball in a line-out for the Neath-Swansea Ospreys in last December's Champions Cup match against Racing Metro in Le Mans, France. JEAN-FRANCOIS MONIER/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

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- 3 ears corn cobs (husks removed)
- 1 cup grape or cherry tomatoes, sliced in half
- 2 green onions diced
- 1/4 cup chopped basil
- 1/4 cup chopped mint
- 1 cup dry Israeli couscous
- 4 oz Halloumi cheese or provolone sliced lengthwise into 3/4-inch pieces
- Dressing
 - 3 Tbsp lemon juice
 - 2 Tbsp olive oil
 - 1 tsp minced garlic
 - 1 tsp minced jalapeno

(with or without seeds)
• Salt and pepper

Directions

1. Grill corn for about five minutes. Cool, then cut off kernels. Place in bowl along with tomatoes, onions, basil and mint.
2. Meanwhile in pot of boiling water, cook couscous for 10 minutes or just until tender. Drain and add to serving bowl.
3. Sauté cheese in skillet sprayed with vegetable oil for about two minutes per side.
4. Combine ingredients for dressing and add to couscous and garnish with warm cheese.

Nutrition per serving

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- Carbohydrates 55 g
- Total fat 14.5 g
- Saturated fat 2 g
- Sodium 345 mg

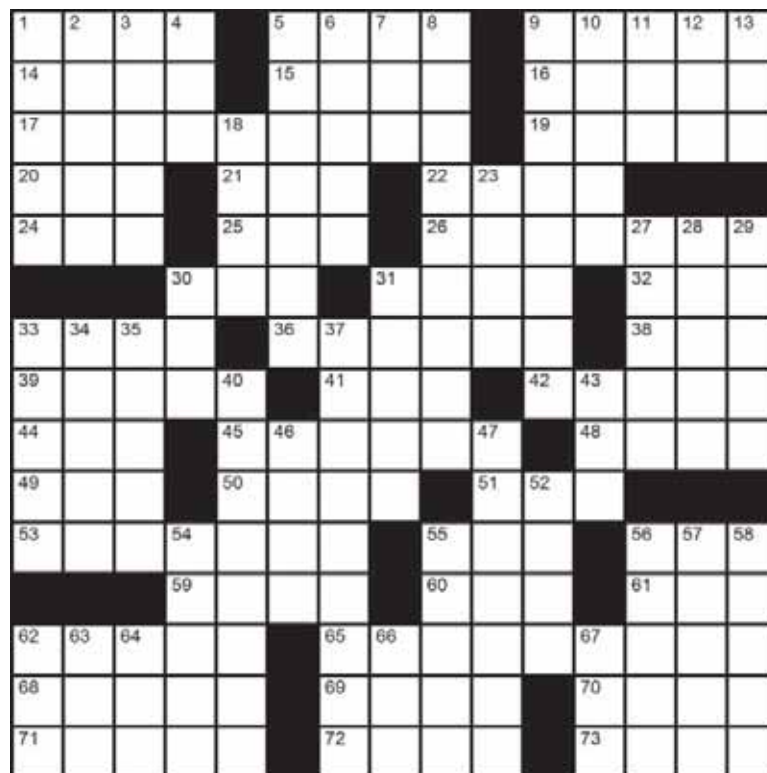
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15. Quite often: 2 wds.
16. Pointed arch
17. Montreal university
19. Monickers
20. Ancient nickname King
21. Lead or Uranium
22. Scolds
24. Part of TGIF
25. Pro
26. First sign of rain
30. 'Special' suffix
31. Director Mr. Preminger
32. Country music's __ Young Band
33. River for The Bard
36. Some SPCA pets
38. Central
39. Mails
41. Mr. Linden
42. Play it up in theatre
44. Lots of mins.
45. Saffron rice dish of Spain
48. Wet __ (Moisture wipes)
49. Opposite WSW
50. Snow-capped European mountains
51. __ rata
53. Entourage
55. Furthermore
56. Total
59. Swanky transport
60. Web connector,



- commonly
61. Pressure meas.
62. Anoint, archaically
72. Variant-spelled sea bird
73. Catch a glimpse

- sert plants
2. "There's Something __ Mary" (1998)
3. Small fishing boats of Newfoundland
4. And so forth, commonly
5. Anne Shirley smashed a slate over Gilbert Blythe's

DOWN

1. Prickly de-

- Rikki-Tikki-Tavi
10. Visibly stunned
11. That guy
12. Holy hail
13. First word in a Victor Hugo title
18. Cartoon fight sound effects!
23. Creative
27. Squeezed-in-to-tea fruit
28. Cream of the crop
29. Shore sights
30. Polit. designation
31. Non-written finals
33. Peter of '60s pop duo Peter and Gordon
34. Captain Nemo creator Jules
35. Beginning
37. What 'Inuit' means in Inuktitut: 2 wds.
40. Cocker and Springer
43. Cow's call
46. Reunion attendee
47. Member of Jesus' entourage
52. Skipping __
54. More maladies
55. Hyperion, for example, in Greek mythology
56. Reels
57. Completely deplete: 2 wds.
58. "Get Ur Freak On" by __ Elliott
62. Mr. Pacino's
63. Society notice word
64. Twilight
66. Not 'neath
67. Caviar

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You must be prepared to defend your beliefs and fight for them if necessary. Someone is going to challenge the way you look at the world and you must meet it.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Friday's full moon takes place in the career area of your chart and there are likely to be challenges over the next few days. Someone in a position of power is watching you closely — make sure they like what they see.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
The same old answers no longer satisfy you — something deeper is going on and you are determined to find out what. You may realize that ignorance is sometimes a blessing.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You could come into a large sum of money but you could also end up owing a lot to someone else. If possible, stick with what you've got — the status quo is not so bad.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
There will be times over the next few days when it seems as if the world is against you, but it isn't. The approaching full moon will encourage others to undermine your confidence but they won't succeed.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Little things will upset you more than they should today, but now that you know that you can guard against it. Don't worry about things you cannot control.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
The approaching full moon will revive your interest in something you appeared to give up on six months or so ago. Either give it everything or leave it alone.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The most important thing today is that you stay calm and think things through in a logical manner. It may not be the best time to speak from the heart.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You will be very persuasive today and others will find it hard to deny you what you want. But if you don't know what you want your powers of persuasion could be wasted on trivial things.

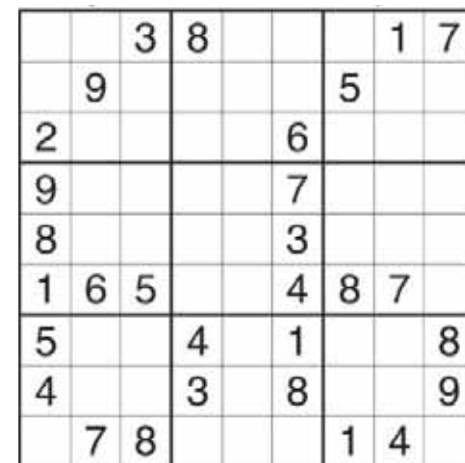
Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Don't let others know that you are desperate about something because it puts you at a disadvantage. You are more likely to get what you want if you play it cool.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Friday's full moon could herald a new beginning, but only if you let go of the past. Remember too that only one individual is responsible for what happens in your life and that is you.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
What you are going through is necessary but that going has been tough. The full moon will bring matters to a head and it won't be long before you are on the up again.

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